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SUBJECT: EBERLE VISIT-CONSULTATIONS ON MULTINATIONAL TRADE
NEGOTIATIONS

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1. AFTER TODAY APR 10, GOOD PART OF GOC WILL BE
VIRTUALLY INCOMUNICADO UNTIL APR 15 BECAUSE OF EASTER
HOLIDAYS. WOULD NONETHELESS APPRECIATE EARLY REPLY
TO REF A STATING WHETHER AMBASSADOR EBERLE AND HIS
GROUP STILL PLAN TO VISIT COLOMBIA IN ACCORDANCE WITH
PROPOSED SCHEDULE MODIFICATIONS REQUIRED BY AIRPORT
RUNWAY CONDITIONS DESCRIBED REF A.

2. AMBASSADOR MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF AMBASSADOR
EBERLE'S TRIP TO FOREIGN MINISTER, WHO SHOWED
CONSIDERABLE INTEREST VAZQUEZ SAID HE WOULD APPRECIATE CHANCE TO
TALK WITH AMBASSADOR EBERLE IN WASHINGTON DURING
MFM.

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3. VASQUEZ THINKS GENERAL BASIS FOR DISCUSSIONS

IN BOGOTA WOULD BE TOPIC FIVE OF TLATELOCO PROGRAM COVERING UNDERSTANDINGS TO BE REACHED BETWEEN LATAM'S AND USA BEFORE FORTHCOMING MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. IN ADDITION TO TERMS OF TRADE, WE WOULD ANTICIPATE THAT THE FOLLOWING MORE SPECIFIC TOPICS WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO COLOMBIANS (CONFIRMATION OF DISCUSSION POINTS WITH GOC MUST NOW AWAIT RETURN OF GOC OFFICIALS FROM HOLIDAYS. ABOUT APR 15)

A. TRADE DISADVANTAGES POSED BY SPECIAL RELATIONSHIPS ENJOYED BY FORMER FRENCH COLONIES AND OTHER NATIONS WITH ASSOCIATE STATUS IN EEC
B. STATUS OF U.S. TRADE BILL. OUTLOOK FOR GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES (GSP). BOUND TO ARISE ARE QUESTIONS RELATED TO DEFINITION OF COMPETITIVE-NEED FORMULA, ELIGIBILITY FOR GSP, REMOVAL FROM BENEFICIARY CATEGORY, AND RIGHTS OF OIL ECONOMIES TO BENEFICIARY STATUS.
C. U.S. COUNTERVAILING DUTIES AND HARMONY OF U.S. LAW WITH GATT. DEFINITION EXPORT SUBSIDY.
D. BILATERAL TOPICS PDNING U.S. COUNTERVAILING DUTIES ON COLOMBIAN CUT FLOWERS. EQUITY OF U.S. QUOTA FOR COLOMBIAN COTTON TEXTILES. U.S. EXPORT QUOTA FOR SHIPMENTS OF FERROUS SCRAP TO COLOMBIA.

4. ONCE COLOMBIA DEFINITELY INCLUDED IN ITINERARY, WE WILL ARRANGE CALLS FOR AMB EBERLE ON FOREIGN MINISTER, FINANCE MINISTER, AND PROBABLY PRESIDENT PASTRANA (NEAR END OF VISIT). WOULD ALSO CONTEMPLATE LENGTHY WORKING LUNCHEON WITH KEY MINISTERS, CENTRAL BANK MANAGER, PLANNING DIRECTOR, HEAD OF COFFEE FEDERATION, AND SELECTED TOP TECHNOCRATS SUCH AS MONETARY JUNTA. SPLITTING EBERLE STAFF, WE WOULD PROPOSE SETTING UP SEPARATE PARALLEL SESSIONS DURING MORNING WITH HIGH ECHELON GOC OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN TRADE POLICY AND MTN ON ONE HAND AND TOP COLOMBIAN PRIVATE-SECTOR LEADERS ON OTHER. COLOMBIAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER COMMERCE WOULD LIKE MEET WITH MR. NEW DELMAN IN COMMITTEE SESSION, WHICH WE THINK MIGHT TAKE FORM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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